

# OMAHA STORM CHASERS

## 2021 ROSTER



Omaha Storm Chasers | 12356 Ballpark Way, Papillion, Neb., 68046 | (402) 738-5100 | OmahaStormChasers.com | @OMASstormChasers

\* - Injured List | ^ - Royals 40-man roster | # - MLB Rehab Assignment | % - Temporarily Inactive | @ - Development List

As of September 10, 2021: 28 Active, 2 IL, 1 TI, 1 MLBR, 0 DL

Manager: Brian Poldberg (27) | Pitching Coach: Dane Johnson (59) | Hitting Coach: Brian Buchanan (38) | Development Coach: Brandon Nelson (22)  
Athletic Trainer: James Stone | Strength & Conditioning Coach: Yannick Plante | Home Clubhouse Manager: Mike Brown

### PITCHERS (13 + 1 MLBR)

| #  | NAME             | B/T | HT   | WT  | ACQUIRED           | BORN     | AGE | BIRTHPLACE                 |
|----|------------------|-----|------|-----|--------------------|----------|-----|----------------------------|
| 54 | Brandon BARKER   | R/R | 6-3  | 210 | MiLB FA, 2021      | 8/20/92  | 29  | Panama City, Panama        |
| 57 | ^Ronald BOLAÑOS  | R/R | 6-2  | 230 | Trade w/ SDP, 2020 | 8/23/96  | 25  | Santa Cruz del Norte, Cuba |
| 40 | ^Scott BLEWETT   | R/R | 6-6  | 245 | 2nd Round, 2014    | 4/10/96  | 25  | Syracuse, N.Y.             |
| 47 | Dylan COLEMAN    | R/R | 6-5  | 230 | Trade w/ SDP, 2020 | 9/16/96  | 24  | Potosi, Mo.                |
| 17 | Grant GAVIN      | R/R | 6-2  | 185 | 29th Round, 2016   | 7/10/95  | 26  | Kansas City, Mo.           |
| 28 | Foster GRIFFIN   | L/L | 6-3  | 200 | 1st Round, 2014    | 7/27/95  | 25  | Orlando, Fla.              |
| 18 | Jake KALISH      | L/L | 6-2  | 210 | 32nd Round, 2015   | 7/9/91   | 30  | Red Bank, N.J.             |
| 46 | Marcelo MARTINEZ | L/L | 6-2  | 190 | Intl. FA, 2018     | 8/10/96  | 25  | Reynoso, México            |
| 36 | Jake NEWBERRY    | R/R | 6-2  | 200 | 37th Round, 2012   | 11/20/94 | 26  | San Diego, Calif.          |
| 41 | Ándres NÚÑEZ     | R/R | 6-4  | 240 | 29th Round, 2018   | 9/20/95  | 25  | Southwest Ranches, Fla.    |
| 56 | Carlos SANABRIA  | R/R | 6-3  | 200 | MiLB FA, 2020      | 1/24/97  | 24  | La Victoria, Venezuela     |
| 48 | Collin SNIDER    | R/R | 6-4  | 195 | 12th Round, 2017   | 10/10/95 | 25  | Murfreesboro, Tenn.        |
| 35 | Gabe SPEIER      | L/L | 5-11 | 200 | Trade w/ ARI, 2018 | 4/12/95  | 26  | Santa Barbara, Calif.      |
| 19 | Jace VINES       | R/R | 6-3  | 245 | 4th Round, 2016    | 9/4/94   | 26  | Dallas, Texas              |

### NUMERICAL ROSTER

|    |                   |
|----|-------------------|
| 0  | Rudy Martin       |
| 1  | Lucius Fox        |
| 2  | MJ Melendez       |
| 3  | Kyle Isbel        |
| 7  | Bobby Witt Jr.    |
| 8  | Nick Dini         |
| 9  | Ryan McBroom      |
| 11 | Bubba Starling    |
| 12 | Dairon Blanco     |
| 13 | Anderson Miller   |
| 16 | Nathan Esposito   |
| 17 | Grant Gavin       |
| 18 | Jake Kalish       |
| 19 | Jace Vines        |
| 25 | Emmanuel Rivera   |
| 26 | Erick Mejia       |
| 28 | Foster Griffin    |
| 32 | Nick Pratto       |
| 35 | Gabe Speier       |
| 36 | Jake Newberry     |
| 40 | Scott Blewett     |
| 41 | Andres Núñez      |
| 44 | Angelo Castellano |
| 45 | Travis Jones      |
| 46 | Marcelo Martinez  |
| 47 | Dylan Coleman     |
| 48 | Collin Snider     |
| 54 | Brandon Barker    |
| 56 | Carlos Sanabria   |
| 57 | Ronald Bolaños    |

### CATCHERS (3)

| #  | NAME            | B/T | HT   | WT  | ACQUIRED         | BORN     | AGE | BIRTHPLACE          |
|----|-----------------|-----|------|-----|------------------|----------|-----|---------------------|
| 8  | Nick DINI       | R/R | 5-9  | 190 | 14th Round, 2015 | 7/27/93  | 28  | Monroe, N.J.        |
| 16 | Nathan ESPOSITO | R/R | 5-11 | 180 | 33rd Round, 2015 | 6/25/93  | 28  | Granite Bay, Calif. |
| 2  | MJ MELENDEZ     | L/R | 6-1  | 190 | 2nd Round, 2017  | 11/29/98 | 22  | Daytona Beach, Fla. |

### INFIELDERS (7 + 1 IL)

| #  | NAME              | B/T | HT  | WT  | ACQUIRED           | BORN    | AGE | BIRTHPLACE               |
|----|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------|---------|-----|--------------------------|
|    | *Gabriel CANCEL   | R/R | 6-0 | 205 | 7th Round, 2015    | 12/8/96 | 24  | Arecibo, Puerto Rico     |
| 44 | Angelo CASTELLANO | R/R | 6-0 | 165 | Intl. FA, 2011     | 1/13/95 | 26  | San Diego, Venezuela     |
| 1  | ^Lucius FOX       | S/R | 6-1 | 185 | Trade w/ TBR, 2020 | 7/2/97  | 24  | Nassau, Bahamas          |
| 45 | Travis JONES      | R/R | 6-4 | 210 | 29th Round, 2017   | 9/29/95 | 25  | Humble, Texas            |
| 9  | ^Ryan McBROOM     | R/L | 6-3 | 220 | Trade w/ NYY, 2019 | 4/9/92  | 29  | Fredericksburg, Va.      |
| 32 | Nick PRATTO       | L/L | 6-1 | 215 | 1st Round, 2017    | 10/6/98 | 22  | Huntington Beach, Calif. |
| 25 | ^Emmanuel RIVERA  | R/R | 6-2 | 225 | 19th Round, 2015   | 6/29/96 | 25  | Mayaguez, Puerto Rico    |
| 7  | Bobby WITT JR.    | R/R | 6-1 | 200 | 1st Round, 2019    | 6/14/00 | 21  | Bedford, Texas           |

### OUTFIELDERS (4 + 1 TI + 1 IL)

| #  | NAME             | B/T | HT   | WT  | ACQUIRED           | BORN    | AGE | BIRTHPLACE          |
|----|------------------|-----|------|-----|--------------------|---------|-----|---------------------|
| 12 | Dairon BLANCO    | R/R | 6-0  | 190 | Trade w/ OAK, 2019 | 4/26/93 | 28  | Camaguey, Cuba      |
| 3  | ^Kyle ISBEL      | L/R | 5-11 | 190 | 3rd Round, 2018    | 3/3/97  | 24  | Fontana, Calif.     |
| 0  | Rudy MARTIN      | L/L | 5-7  | 155 | 25th Round, 2014   | 1/31/96 | 25  | Olive Branch, Miss. |
| 26 | Erick MEJIA      | S/R | 5-11 | 195 | MiLB FA, 2020      | 11/9/94 | 26  | Villa Mella, D.R.   |
| 13 | *Anderson MILLER | L/L | 6-3  | 215 | 3rd Round, 2015    | 5/6/94  | 27  | Lexington, Ky.      |
| 11 | %Bubba STARLING  | R/R | 6-4  | 220 | MiLB FA, 2020      | 8/3/92  | 29  | Gardner, Kan.       |

### COACHING STAFF

|    |                      |
|----|----------------------|
| 22 | Brandon Nelson (DC)  |
| 27 | Brian Poldberg (MGR) |
| 38 | Brian Buchanan (HC)  |
| 59 | Dane Johnson (PC)    |

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

| #  | NAME              | PRONUNCIATION         | #  | NAME            | PRONUNCIATION     |
|----|-------------------|-----------------------|----|-----------------|-------------------|
| 12 | Dairon Blanco     | dye-rone BLAHN-co     | 1  | Lucius Fox      | LOO-shuss         |
| 40 | Scott Blewett     | bloo-ETT              | 18 | Jake Kalish     | KAY-ish           |
| 57 | Ronald Bolaños    | boh-LAWN-yos          | 26 | Erick Mejia     | meh-HE-uh         |
| 38 | Brian Buchanan    | byoo-can-in           | AT | Yannick Plante  | YEA-nick plaun(t) |
|    | Gabriel Cancel    | GAH-brielle kahn-SELL | 32 | Nick Pratto     | PRAH-toe          |
| 44 | Angelo Castellano | cast-ey-ah-no         | 56 | Carlos Sanabria | sah-NAH-bree-ah   |
| 3  | Kyle Isbel        | lzz-bell              | 35 | Gabe Speier     | spy-uhr           |
| 8  | Nick Dini         | DEE-knee              |    |                 |                   |

### RECENT TRANSACTIONS

|      |   |
|------|---|
| 9/10 | RHP Andres Núñez transferred to Triple-A Omaha from Double-A Northwest Arkansas   |
| 9/9  | INF Emmanuel Rivera optioned to Triple-A Omaha  |
| 9/7  | RHP Eddie Butler released   |
| 9/5  | RHP Tyler Zuber recalled by Kansas City   |
| 9/4  | C Sebastian Rivero recalled by Kansas City<br>RHP Tyler Zuber optioned to Triple-A Omaha  |
| 9/1  | RHP Jackson Kowar recalled by Kansas City<br>SS Adalberto Mondesi activated from Injured List and returned to Kansas City   |
| 8/31 | RHP Jakob Junis recalled by Kansas City<br>RHP Scott Blewett optioned to Triple-A Omaha<br>RHP Ronald Bolaños transferred to Triple-A Omaha from Double-A Northwest Arkansas (rehab assignment) |
| 8/29 | RHP Tyler Zuber recalled by Kansas City   |
| 8/27 | OF Edward Olivares recalled by Kansas City  |